
TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds [312 IAC 9-1-5.3](#) to define "crossbow". Adds [312 IAC 9-1-7.6](#) to define "ground blind". Amends [312 IAC 9-3-2](#) governing general requirements and licenses for hunting deer to include the new nonresident youth deer license, crossbow license, and deer license bundle and specify hunter orange requirements for ground blinds. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-3](#) governing the use of crossbows, rifles, and blinds used while deer hunting. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-4](#) governing the season dates and bag limits for the special youth deer season, archery season, and special antlerless only season and amends the urban deer zones in Lake and Porter counties. Amends [312 IAC 9-3-8](#) by opening the firearms season on October 1 on military reserves and national wildlife refuges and adds the new nonresident youth deer licenses. Effective 30 days after filing with the Publisher. Questions may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-22-2-6](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 5-28-17-5](#), specifically [IC 5-28-17-5\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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